



# SWAVESEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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## MEDICAL OFFICER'S AND SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT FOR 1925.

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MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present to you the above-mentioned Report.

### GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (acres)	...	...	14445
Population (1921)	...	...	2424
do. estimated (1925)	...	...	2487
No. inhabited houses (1921)			
No. families or separte occupiers			
Rateable value	...	...	£22,789
Value of penny rate	...	...	£50

### VITAL STATISTICS.

BIRTHS.—Out of a total of 41, 23 were males and 18 females. All of these were legitimate.

This is a birth-rate of 16·5 per 1000 of population. The corresponding rate for England and Wales for the same period being 18·3.

DEATHS.—19 males and 12 females, a total of 31, being a rate of 12·5 per thousand of population ; the corresponding rate for England and Wales being 12·2. Five of these deaths were of residents who died elsewhere than in the district.

There was one death from zymotic disease, namely, Diphtheria. Otherwise, the causes of death were not noteworthy, except that Cancer, Tuberculosis and respiratory diseases were all below the average.

Under one year there was only one death, being a rate of 24·6 per 1000 births. The corresponding rate for England and Wales being 75.

#### **HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.**

Tuberculosis is under the care of the County Tuberculosis Officer ; Maternity cases and school children are under the County Medical Officer of Health, and Venereal Diseases.

Scarlet Fever is provided for by arrangement with the Chesterton R.D.C. at their hospital just outside our boundary. Diphtheria has been arranged for usually as it occurs with the Cambridge Borough Fever Hospital.

Ambulance facilities for infectious cases are amply provided for by the several hospitals, and for other cases there is a well-appointed County Ambulance.

The Medical Officer and Sanitary Inspector are part-time officers. The latter is a member of the Sanitary Inspectors' Association and M.R.C.V.S., but has relinquished his practice as such.

Over, Swavesey and Fendrayton share a nurse, provided by voluntary contributions, who also acts as mid-wife.

Pathological and Bacteriological examinations are arranged for with Dr. Henwood Harvey at Cambridge. Diphtheria anti-toxin and sera are provided at the expense of the Council.

Adoptive Acts are the "Infectious Diseases (Prevention) Act, 1890," and so much of Part III. of Public Health Amendment Act as is applicable to a Rural Authority. There are no Bye-laws.

### SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

**WATER.**—Swavesey is partly supplied by the East Hunts. Water Co., but all the other villages and the greater part of this depend on shallow wells.

**CLOSET ACCOMMODATION** is almost entirely on the earth system. For some time the abolition of the privy vaults has been insisted on and although a number of this type still remains, their replacement by Earth closets is proceeding satisfactorily. There is still a number of cases where one closet serves two or more houses, and in all cases where this is found, the owners have been required to provide proper accommodation. The only closets on the water system are in the few larger residences. In all parishes the cleansing of the sanitary pails is left to the inhabitants. It would be better if the larger villages were provided with Sanitary carts. The collection of House refuse is not undertaken by the Council.

Inspections :—

Total number under Public Health or Housing Acts	...	...	...	...	...	137
Number of houses dangerous and injurious to health	..	...	...	...	...	0
Number found not reasonably fit for human habitation	...	...	...	...	...	16
Remedy of defects without formal notices				...	...	12
Under Statutory powers, notices				...	...	0

The defects found on inspection as a rule are ash-heaps and dirty traps to drains,

All ponds have been inspected, and when necessary instructions have been issued for cleaning,

There are 29 shops on the register, which have been inspected.

### **HOUSING.**

There is still a shortage, especially in Swavesey, where instances of overcrowding have occurred.

New houses erected	...	...	...	6
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No houses have been erected by the Local Authority, or other persons, with State assistance, during the year.

### **INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.**

MILK.—There are 74 milk-sellers, whose premises have been inspected during the year, and found in good order.

MEAT.—Five Slaughter-houses have been registered, all of which have been inspected and they are kept in a satisfactory condition. Number of inspections, 96. Notifications of the slaughtering of 150 Beasts, 664 Pigs and 464 Sheep have been received since the regulations came into operation. No carcasses have been condemned as unfit.

Three Bake-houses are registered, 34 inspections have been made, and all have been kept in a satisfactory condition.

### **INFECTIOUS DISEASES.**

The only notification received during the year were one of Scarlet fever, which was removed to the Isolation Hospital, the origin of this case could not be traced, and one of Diphtheria, which was certainly contracted in London, and ended fatally. There was no further spread of the disease.



## **TUBERCULOSIS.**

Seven new cases have been notified during the year, five pulmonary and two non-pulmonary.

There were two deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis. After Infectious disease, Tuberculosis and Cancer, disinfection has been carried out with Formalin.

I am,

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. R. GROVE, M.D.,

Medical Officer of Health.

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Cases of, and Ages at Death during the year, 1925.

I	2 All ages	3 Under 1 year	4 1 and under 2	5 2 and under 5	6 5 and under 15	7 15 and under 25	8 25 and under 45	9 45 and under 65	10 65 and upwards
ALL CAUSES ...	31	1	...	...	1	2	2	6	19
Enteric Fever ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Small Pox ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Measles ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Scarlet Fever ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Whooping Cough ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Diphtheria ...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Influenza ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Encephalitis lethargica ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Meningococcal meningitis ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tuberculosis of respiratory system... ..	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...
Other Tuberculous Diseases ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cancer, malignant disease ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Rheumatic Fever ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Diabetes ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cerebral hæmorrhage, etc. ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Heart disease ...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	2
Arterio-sclerosis ...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Bronchitis ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Pneumonia (all forms) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other respiratory diseases ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Ulcer of stomach or duodenum ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Diarrhœa, etc. (under 2 years) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Appendicitis and Typhlitis ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cirrhosis of Liver ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Acute and chronic nephritis ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Puerperal sepsis ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Accidents and diseases of Pregnancy and Parturition ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Congenital Debility and Malformation, Premature Birth ...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Suicide ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other deaths from violence ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Defined Diseases	15	...	...	...	1	1	...	2	11
Causes ill-defined or unknown ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Special Causes (included above)—									
Poliomyelitis ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Polioencephalitis ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	31	1	...	...	1	2	2	6	19

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## Vital Statistics for the Whole District during 1925 and previous Years.

YEAR.	Population estimated to Middle of each year.	BIRTHS.			TOTAL DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE DISTRICT.		TRANSFERABLE DEATHS.		NETT DEATHS BELONGING TO THE DISTRICT.			
		Uncorrected Number.	Nett.		Number.	Rate.	of Non-residents regis- tered in the District.	of Residents not regis- tered in the District.	Under 1 Year of Age		At all Ages	
			Number.	Rate.					Number.	Rate per 1000 Nett Births.	Number.	Rate.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1920	2435	45	46	18'9	32	13'1		11	1	21'7	43	17'6
1921	2424	54	54	22'3	21	8'6		7	4	74'0	28	11'5
1922	2435	47	47	19'3	31	12'7		8	2	42'5	39	16'0
1923	2448	31	31	13'5	26	10'6		3	2	64'5	29	11'8
1924	2490	50	50	20'0	35	14'0		4	2	40'0	39	15'7
1925	2487	41	41	16'5	26	10'4		5	1	24'6	31	12'5

